

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention, and the specification stands objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Declaration

The Substitute Declaration required by the Examiner is attached hereto. The Substitute Declaration identifies this application by title, filing date and serial number. It is believed that the submission of this document overcomes the outstanding objection to the originally filed Declaration.

Abstract of the Disclosure

Applicant is submitting herewith a substitute Abstract of the Disclosure replacing that originally filed with this application. Entry of the substitute Abstract of the Disclosure is respectfully requested.

Specification

It was felt that the most expeditious way of correcting the numerous objections to the specification raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action, was the preparation of a Substitute Specification. The attached Substitute Specification is accompanied by a marked-up copy of the original specification which indicates the changes made thereto by the Substitute Specification. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the Substitute Specification. Entry of the Substitute Specification is respectfully requested.

Claims

Applicant has amended claims 1-20 as noted above. It is believed that the amended claims now specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, and overcome the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Summary

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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